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Hinges & Tongs

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROPEX 2002 IS ALMOST HERE

This year's theme is:

100 Years of Teddy Bear and his descendents



ROPEX Chairperson Ray Stone is seeking **volunteers for both setup and takedown** of the show. He knows that the show committee will assist but hopes that other members will also be doing their part. Please contact him at the Wednesday, Feb. 27 meeting. The show must be a success and with you it surely will.

ROPEX is almost upon us, March 8, 9 & 10; please remember that Set Up for the Show is Thursday March 7 Ray Stone, the Chairman will have more to say about the ROPEX Schedule at the last Feb. RPA Meeting on Wednesday the 27

The RPA VP Mark Hull has been busy working on the RPA Annual Banquet which is currently scheduled for Thursday June 20th at a "Five Star" Restaurant, the Remington's Restaurant at 425 Merchant Road. We will have a private dining room and two choices on the menu — Chicken at \$20 and Prime Rib at \$25 plus all the fixings & desert. also a cash Bar. Mark will be giving out more info at the next RPA Meetings.

The RPA Board at its meeting in Jan. did talk about subsidizing a part of the RPA Banquet costs, more on that will be announced at future RPA Meetings.....

The RPA Slide Program Listings are as follows:

March 8, 9, 10 – ROPEX 2002 National Stamp Show, Diplomat Party Center, Lyell Ave., top of 390 Lyell Exit, 10-6, 10-5, 10-4.

March 14 (Thursday) APS program, *Basic Stamp Exhibiting*.

March 27 (Wednesday) APS program, *Getting Started in Stamp Collecting*

April 11 (Thursday) APS program, *Postal History of Germany After WW II*.

April 24 (Wednesday) APS program, *The APS Story*.

.... John Kellas III, RPA President

We meet on the second Thursday and fourth Wednesday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters are in the Eisenhart Auditorium, behind the Main Museum building, on East Avenue. A buy/sell/trade session runs from 7:10-7:45 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:45 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program.

Current RPA Officers 2001-2002

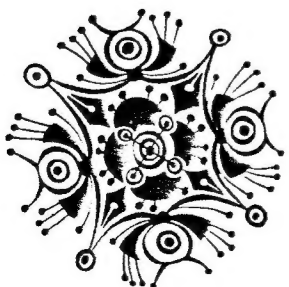
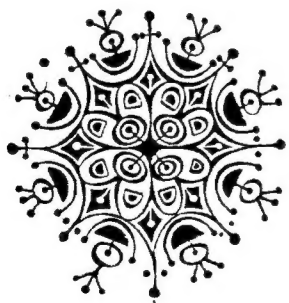
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There are no Pictorial cancellations known for this March-April issue known as this went to print. The ROPEX cancels were depicted courtesy of Tom Fortunato in the last issue.



Editor's Observations

This issue comes to you as the annual ROPEX issue. It is hoped that members will find it useful.

I would like to place content here that you would like to read. I have found this difficult since I am unaware of the many areas members collect. Articles could be obtained from outside sources as well. It would be nice if it first came from our membership. However, if this is not to be then I will proceed with an alternate solution in filling our pages.

You should find somewhere in this publication further mention of ROPEX and its particulars. You should also note the March 1 cutoff for the banquet.

I would like to thank all those who contributed to this issue. You may not specifically realize that you have but I have tried to include suitable content from you here.

Please note that BUFPEX precedes out show this year — March 1-3. We are hopeful that our members will be supportive of their show.

The R. S. Stamp Company, also known as Bob and Elli Steeb, will be at BUFPEX on March 1-3 and ROPEX on March 8-10.

They have indicated that ordered supplies are available. Do give them a call with your order so that you will not have to wait.

Deadline for the May-June issue of

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Meetings will take place either in the lower level room of the banquet center or the ROPEX Hospitality Room (ground floor of the Best Western Hotel). A lunch area is available daily. Note that the lower level is not handicap accessible.

See individual exhibits for times the exhibitor will be available to answer questions about his or her display.

Thursday, March 7

8 AM-6 PM	ROPEX setup (exhibitors welcome 2-6 PM)
7:30-10:30 PM	Hospitality Room Open

Friday, March 8

8-10 AM	Hospitality Room Open
10 AM	Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
12 Noon-1 PM	Lunch Area Available
12 Noon	Exhibitors Luncheon (Dutch Treat)
3 PM	ACE-Art Cover Exchange General Meeting
6 PM	Show Closes
7:30-10:30 PM	Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, March 9

8-10 AM	Hospitality Room Open
10 AM	Show opens, youth activities throughout the day
11 AM	Empire State Postal History Meeting (Hospitality Room)
12-1 PM	Lunch Area Available
12-2 PM	Chapter 53 Central NY First Day Cover Society Luncheon (Dutch Treat Off Site)
1 PM	APS Town meeting (all welcome) featuring APS Executive Director Bob Lamb
2 PM	American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' Seminar presented Ann Trigg
2 PM	Federation of Central NY Philatelic Societies Meeting (Hospitality Room)
3-4:30 PM	Judges Exhibit Critique
3 PM	Mobile Post Office Society Meeting (Hospitality Room)
5 PM	Show Closes
6 PM	Pre-Banquet Cocktails (Diplomat Banquet Center)
6:30 PM	ROPEX Awards Banquet (Diplomat Banquet Center)
8-11 PM	Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, March 10

8-10 AM	Hospitality Room Open
10 AM	Show opens
11 AM	The Marmalades
1-2 PM	Lunch Area Available
12-2 PM	NY Philatelic Bandits Hootenanny & Pizza Party/Stamp Swap (Hospitality Room)
4 PM	Show Closes

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How Teddy Bears Got Their Start

Who knows exactly how Teddy Bears got their name and their collectible status? That is to say nothing about their ability to convey such warmth to so many individuals for over a 100 years now?

It is known that there are at least two families that had a hand in creating such a stuffed critter. One German and one Russian. The U.S. media of Teddy Roosevelt's day helped spread this collecting phenomenon we see today.

Little did anyone know just what kind of craze was being created. It is likely each one of us at one time possessed some sort of stuffed animal for comfort. It seems only natural that it be a bear or some related forest animal.

The imagination does fantastic things. Look to any sort of collectible and you will find a bear among the topics. From a miniature bear, porcelain, a painting, cast in some metal and vary in size, etc. The kinds and topics that they will appear in stagger the imagination.

WHO IS THAT MEMBER OR EVENT??

Tom Fortunato indicated in the last issue that the archives was placed online. He would appreciate your assistance in identifying various former members. Please offer him your assistance.

Do you have additional photos and articles we can add to our archives? If so, contact Tom at an RPA Meeting, by phone at 585-621-1670, email at stampptmf@frontiernet.net, or by writing him at 42 Maynard Street, Rochester, NY 14614-2022. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope to return the items back to you.

RPA members are encouraged to assist Florence in seeking out new members. Please see her for copiers of the H & T to show others just how educational our hobby can be.

NEED A RIDE? Contact an officer to inquire how best to attend a meeting and return home!!

LOCAL & REGIONAL CALENDAR OF STAMP SHOWS

Information provided here is for the benefit of collectors and dealers alike within the territories of the former Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs and the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies. Additions and/or corrections are welcome by email at stampmf@frontiernet.net or by phone at 585-621-1670.

2002 Listings

Mar 1-3 Cheektowaga BUFPEX 2002

Sponsored by the Buffalo Stamp Club, VFW Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave., Hours: Fri 1-8, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Dealers, exhibits. US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes.

Mar 8-10 Rochester ROPEX 2002

Sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association, Diplomat Banquet Center, 1 Diplomat Way, Gates NY. Hours: Fri 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes. Contact Tom Fortunato 585-621-1670, Email stampmf@frontiernet.net. Website <http://now.at/rpa/>

Mar 17 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

Apr 14 Syracuse Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectible Show, Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, exit 35. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact Ed Bailey 315-452-0593.

Apr 21 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

May 19 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

June 2 Rochester R S Stamp Show, Eagle's Club, 1200 Buffalo Rd (Route 33). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: Bob Steeb, 585-621-5019. Email: rsstamp@aol.com.

June 16 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

July 21 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
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July 27-28 Clayton 24th Annual 1,000 Islands International Stamp, Coin, Postcard Sportscard and Collectibles Show, Clayton Arena, Rt 12E, Clayton. Saturday: 10-5; Sunday: 10-3. Sponsored by 1,000 Islands AFS

Aug 10 Cooperstown COOPERPEX, Hosted by the Leatherstocking Stamp Club. Saturday, 10-4. St. Mary's Ecumenical Hall, 31 Elm St., Cooperstown. Email kuchtill@capital.net

Aug 18 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

Aug 15-18 New Jersey STAMPSHOW, American Philatelic Soc., Atlantic City Convention Ctr., Atlantic City. Contact Ken Martin, stampshow@stamps.org; 814-237-3803; FAX 814-237-6128. WSP

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